#### COLON CITY A PESTHOLE; BUILT ON THE MARGIN OF FEVER-BREEDING SWAMP

Eastern Terminus of the Panama Canal Described by the Journal's Commissioner.

WILD, NOXIOUS GROWTHS

'And Stagnant Water Poison the Atmosphere with Their Miasmatic Vapors.

CRISTOBAL COLON POINT

Where the French Spent Millions, Like Paradise Compared with Native Quarter.

From the Journal's Special Commissioner. COLON, R. P., Dec. 24.-The Panama Railroad must bear whatever blame attaches to the fact that this little city figures upon the maps of the world. To the same cause is attributable the fact that Former Boss Hands in Resignation | Sensational Message Telegraphed Colon exists to-day as one of the pesthholes of the earth. Seldom, if ever, was the soullessness of corporations more glaringly demonstrated than it is in the case of this town of 3,000 people, for which, if its existence must be endured, there can be wished no better fate than that it might be burned until not so much as one rotten pile under a single rotten bungalow remained,

and that it might then be rebuilt.

Before the railroad enterprise was undertaken, more than half a century ago, the mouth of the Chagres river, about six miles to the westward of Colon, was the center of far as Cruces, an inland village now prac- immediately. tically nonexistent and nearly forgotten, road to Panama. That road, which once dominion-days not heard of in any practical way since the eighteenth century. It is now overgrown with all of the tangled masses of this jungle country, utterly impassable, and so far forgotten that it is reliably said that no living man could find his way along its route.

But Chagres was not the place for a railroad terminal. The pernicious fevers spread by the miasmatic mists that rose every morning over the Chagres river-mists still visible from Colon in the early hours of the morning-made life there too precarious. Besides, considerations of engineering expediency dictated the selection of this site as the proper one for the railroad terminal, and so Colon came into existence. The city is built upon what was originally an island. The railroad has destroyed the narrow channel which once separated this island from the mainland by a filling, over which run the tracks to Panama; but the theory of the island still endures, and Colon stands upon the western extremity of what is known as the Isle de Manzanilia. CITY IN A SWAMP.

So the cartographers have it, but if we would speak with absolute exactitude we should say that Colon is built upon the groves of cocoanut trees. Further inshore, where the porous nature of the formation found mango trees, swamp grass and other wild and noxious growths

The city itself is divided very distinctly into three sections-the railroad quarter, the native quarter and Cristobal Colon Point. The first and last of these divisions habit, and even they are loaded down with weigh all their advantages. The railroad section lies in the form of a crescent, stretching from the northern line of Cristobal Colon Point north and eastward along the beach. The line dividing this section from the native quarter is the railroad itself, which enters the city from the mainland close to Cristobal Colon Point, and sweeps in a curve around to the shops at the northeastern point of the crescent, past the docks, stations, hotels and the seat of the American and other foreign colony. Within this section the railroad company has made some effort at improvement. The level of the land has been raised until it is have been graded, and a slight effort has been made to provide sidewalks. The railroad has also provided a sewerage system ply for the latter being drawn by gravity from a reservoir located on Monkey Hill about two miles inland from Colon. In this

live, for by reason of the improvements made by the railroad, and its proximity to the waters of Limon or Navy Bay, the pest germ-carrying mosquitoes has been largely done away with. There are also found here advantages not enjoyed by other portions of the city. The railroad has cultivated cocoanut trees, grass plots and beds of foliage plants, so that the whole section

has a parklike effect. IN THE RAILROAD QUARTER.

The buildings built by the railroad for the EXPLOSION OF GAS use of its employes are numerous and as comfortable as it is possible for any buildings in this country to be. They are all of frame, built in the bungalow style, with Muncie Man, His Wife and Two wide verandas, and their surroundings are conveniences, including electric lights, the company owning an electriclight plant as well as an ice plant, and supplying the product of both of these institutions to resident Americans and other foreigners at a merely nominal price. In this section of the city live all of those persons or semi-native population. Here are the consulates of the different countries and the residences of the consuls, the officers of the several steamship companies that touch at this port, the residence and offices of the baby. All were dangerously burned, one banker in Colon, and the homes of all of the railroad employes. Here, too, is the Hotel Washington, an institution owned by the raffroad company, which with its children were thrown from the bed in which genex, the Garfield, furnishes the only ac- | they were sleeping. Myers recovered in a 23d inst., and that the report recommends commodation there is in the place for translents who seek somewhat of comfort and Immunity from disease. Hard by the hotel is an Episcopalian Church, built of a soft stone in an attractive style, provided and maintained by the railroad company. Farther up the beach to the eastward is the home of the unmarried mechanics employed by the railroad company. This home is called the Barracks, and is a great, barnlike structure, simple in construction, but well supplied with baths, reading and recreation-rooms and comfortable sleeping quarters. Near the Barracks is the hospital, a commodious building set up on piles hundred feet or more out on the beach. This location gives to this section of the city the benefit of the sea breeze, which blows constantly from the Caribbean, and which tempers the torrid heat of the day and night, making it possible to live and work with some degree of enjoyment.

OVER THE LINE. But step "over the line"-for everything outside of the railroad section is termed "over the line"-and wholly different condidition of this section, where pestilence

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### JAMES LEROY KEACH NO LONGER ON MEMBERSHIP ROLLS OF INDIANA CLUB

to the State's Democratic Organization.

NOT YET ACCEPTED RUSSIA

Declares Lack of Harmony Did Virtually Tells the Powers She Not Prompt Him to Take Action-"Tired, That's All."

James L. Keach for a few short months activity on this side of the isthmus. There | the recognized leader of Indianapolis Demwas the little town of Chagres, well known | ocracy and a factor of no little importance | date, says that the Chinese minister at in the old "forty-nine" days. It was at in the party until deposed by T. Taggart Tokio, at the request of the Japanese For-Chagres that the journeyers toward Call- in the recent fight over the district chair- eign Office, telegraphed the following comfornia began the perilous ascent of the river | manship, has tendered his resignation to | munication to Prince Ching: of the same name, proceeding by boat as the Indiana Democratic Club to take effect

whence they-or those of them so fortunate | cording to Secretary Elliott R. Hooton, | cepted by Japan, who will, unless Russia as to escape Chagres fever during the river | president-elect, has taken no action on the | recedes, be compelled to promptly resort to trip-proceeded by means of a cobblestone resignation. It is probable that the newly arms. In view of such an eventuality Japan elected board of directors will accept it Although officers of the club refuse to discuss the resignation it is understood that it comes as a result of the recent chairmanship fight. Keach, it is said, thought

> much dictating as to the policy of the or-Keach said last night that he had decided to resign from the club because he thought a political organization of the kind impracticable in politics. "It was not account of lack in harmony, it was simply because I wanted to get out of it" was the statement made by the Potato King last night. "I just made up my mind to pay up my dues to the end of the year and | changed yesterday afternoon. cut my name off the roll, that's all.'

ANARCHIST ACCUSED BY CATHOLIC PRIEST

Joseph Petritis Charged with Disorderly Conduct-The Plot to Kill McKinley.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 11.-The Rev. Father John Sutkaitis, pastor of St. Casiwestern extremity of a swamp, for so it is mir's Lithurlan Catholic Church, which in fact. Manzanilla island is a low-lying was the scene of a disturbance last night, area of coral formation, the natural sur- alleged to have been started by Anarchists, face of which is but eighteen inches above | made information to-day against Joseph sea level. Upon this island-Colon covers a Petritis, charging disorderly conduct. The small portion of it only-there grows all information alleges that Petritis, with Anthe rank vegetation characteristic of the thony Bukanskas and one Urbanas, two the Philippines. Manchuria belongs neither isthmus. Along the rocky beaches are well-known Anarchists, visited the church last night and broke up the meeting, and jurisdiction of either of us to dispose of accessories, will destroy the church. Father Sutkaitls gave further details of McKinley three years ago. He also asserted that the Anarchists had arranged to kill Pope Leo XIII. and dynamite the Vatican and St. Casimir's Church, but a crusade against Anarchists about that time are the only ones fit for a white man to in- frightened them off. A warrant was issued

> LIMITED EXPRESS ON ERIE ROAD WRECKED

Seven Passengers Were Injured but Not Seriously—Entire Train Left the Rails.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.-The Chicago and about four feet above sea-level. The streets | New York limited express, east-bound, on the Delaware division of the Erie Railroad, wrecked this afternoon at Sands for this section, with waterworks, the sup- Switch, which is about 150 miles from New York. The entire train, consisting of locomotive, tender and baggage and passenger section it is possible for a white man to cars, left the rails from some cause not yet injured were: E. E. Hivegen, of Chicago; Mrs. L. F. Merriam, of Akron, O., and Mrs. Anna Baker, of Westfield, N. J. Their in juries are not considered dangerous. None of the train hands was injured. A special train bringing doctors reached the scene soon after the wreck and conveyed the injured to the hospital in Port Jervis.

WRECKED THE HOUSE

Children Narrowly Escaped-All Burned.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 12.-An explosion of gas which had accumulated under the home that are not to be classed with the native of William Myers, in this city early this morning, wrecked the house and almost resulted fatally to Myers, his wife, a three-

> few minutes and then pulled the children from among the rubbish. The explosion was caused by the opening of the door of a coal stove which ignited the gas. Some bed clothes were ignited by the explosion, but they were carried out and the house saved from burning.

KILLED MEN RATHER THAN TAKE THRESHING

Jim Bagwell Used Winchester with Deadly Effect and Then Escaped.

STURGIS, Miss., Jan. 11.-Jim Bagwell reports from local business men on the im- ner, a stockman. The killing, it is alleged, fied the police. shot and killed Ed Tomlinson and Bingham Edwards near this city. The two derson, Ky. President Frank Fitton, of the a leased stock field. Turner alleges that the boy. He was taken home immediately, of threshing him for some recent differences, but Bagwell anticipated their coming and shot both men dead. He escaped.

# RUSSIA MUST RECEDE OR JAPAN WILL BE FORCED TO RESORT TO ARMS SOON

to Peking at Request of the Japanese.

SHOWS HAND

Owns Manchuria-Will Respect All Treaties.

LONDON, Jan. 12.-The Times' Peking correspondent, cabling under yesterday's

"The second Russian reply to the Japanese proposals has been received at Tokio, The board of directors of the club, ac- but it is unfavorable and cannot be acurges and expects China to maintain the strictest neutrality, to preserve order throughout the empire, to guard foreigners resident in the interior, and to take special care to preserve order in the provinces of that the Taggart faction was doing too Shan Tung and Yunnan, lest foreign powers might seize the pretext of disorder and make aggressive movements therein."

The correspondent says that the dispatch has deeply impressed the Chinese, who now believe war to be mevitable. He adds that notes looking to the ratification of the treaty between China and Japan were ex-

RUSSIA WILL RESPECT ALL CHINESE TREATIES

BERLIN, Jan. 11 .- The Russian government has informed the powers that it will respect, fully, the rights any nation has in Manchuria, under treaty with China. This declaration is made without reservation. Russia gives formal expression to this policy now in consequence of the controversy with Japan, one of whose persistent contentions has been for a definition of Russia's policy in Manchuria, and an acknowledgement of Japan's trade privileges. Russia's reply has been, in substance, as follows: "We cannot discuss Manchuria with IS you any more than we could Australia or to us nor to you. It does not lie within the To Be Published by Hollenbeck the affiant is afraid the defendant, with his the future of Manchuria." Russia, however, is willing to observe the treaty rights the alleged plot to assassinate President | of all the powers in Manchuria and now engages to do so. Russia, it is added, thus removes from the negotiations one of the points upon which Japan counted for the moral support of other powers and whereon she specially had the sympathy of the United States and Great Britain. LONDON, Jan. 11 .- It was said at the Foreign Office to-day that a circular somewhat similar to the synopsis of the Russian position in regard to Manchuria cabled from Berlin to-day, has been received here. Commenting on it, the Foreign Office says that as no power has acquired interest in Manchuria except under treaty with China, it fails to see the force of Russla's circular. PARIS, Jan. 11 .- A strong current of oficial sentiment was set in motion to-da favorable to strengthening the hands of Russia in her claims to exercise paramount influence in Manchuria. It is pointed out that Russia, having conceded Japan's paramount influence in Korea, Japan appears cession by recognizing Russia's paramount influence in Manchuria. There is reason to believe that the late Russian note makes Russia's attitude and intentions concerning Manchuria and how far she is disposed to recognize Japanese ambitions in Manchuria. The general purport of the Russian position is that Japanese merchants and individuals shall have the right of free access to Manchuria for purposes of travel and commerce, but that Russia does not wish to have this extended to the colonization of Japanese in large communities in (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2, COL. 6.)

### REJOICING ALONG THE BANKS OF THE WABASH!

Mr. Hemenway's Success in Arous- Danger Light Removed and Switch Young Riave Lad Found at Oring Government Interest in the River Is the Cause.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. VINCENNES, Ind., Jan. 11 .- The report from Washington that Congressman Hem- on the Monon, which leaves Chicago about enway had induced the chief of the United Myers was knocked unconscious, Mrs. States Engineer Corps to send a board of Myers was blown out of a door and the their engineers to the Wabash improvement and the police are investigating the matter. convention, to be held at Vincennes on the that \$3,500,000 be expended on the Wabash | fifteenth-street crossing at midnight and between Vincennes and its mouth, has created great rejoicing here and at all river Bonfires are being kindled, speeches made and general rejoicing all along the Wabash.

> RECEPTION FOR THE *VISITING ENGINEERS*

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 11 .- The local branch of the Ohio Valley Improvement Association met to-night and arranged for a reception to the United States engineers, named Moss, and his son were shot and who will come here on Jan. 22 to receive killed near Elmore to-day by Alford Turportance of the proposed dam below Hen- was the result of a misunderstanding over an appropriation of \$3,500,000 had been rec- then shot the young man, who died in a and armed himself with a Winchester rifle bash river. Ten dams will be built between nected. Turner surrendered to the federal and shot both men dead. He escaped. Mt. Carmel and the mouth of the river.



NOTE-A grocery store once put up a sign that read as follows: "New-laid eggs, 50 cents; fresh eggs, 46 cents; good eggs, 42 cents; eggs, 40 cents. This suggests the difficulty of choosing from the numerous brands of democracy now on the market.

#### READER PURCHASED BY BOBBS-MERRILL COMPANY

Control of Large Indianapolis Publishing House.

CLEVER MAGAZINE STRICKEN IN CARRIAGE

Press, of This City, and Will Be Issued from Here.

A move of great importance in publishing and literary circles has been made by the Bobbs-Merrill Company, of this city, which has secured control of "The Reader," a his home in Springfield. His carriage had New York publication which has recently arrived at the station, and the driver, upon attracted considerable attention as a magazine of much present worth and great Springfield, who was passing, recognized

In the course of the year 1903 they became actively interested in "The Reader," which has been attracting much attention by its cleverness, fearlessness and originality. Some hesitation was experienced, however, because the Bobbs-Merrill Company was unwilling to take any steps in connection with a periodical publication which was not under its immediate editorial and to be unwilling to make a reciprocal con- business control and issued from Indian-

Recently the way was opened for the acquisition of the property and the offer was selzed with alacrity. The announcement is now made that the headquarters of "The Reader" will, in a very short time, be transferred to this city, and that hereafter it will be printed here by the Hollenbeck Press, and distributed from this point. 'The Reader" is a monthly of book news and literary comment, belonging in the (CONTINUED ON PAGE 6, COL. 3.)

## A. S. BUSHNELL SUFFERS A STROKE OF APOPLEXY

Dying in a Hospital at Columbus.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 11 .- Just as he arrived at the Union station shortly after i o'clock this afternoon to take a train for Springfield, former Gov. Asa S. Bushnell was stricken with apoplexy, and is now in a

serious condition. The attending physicians consider his condition most critical and hold out very lttle hope of his recovery. Governor Bushnell had been here during the day and was about to take a train for opening the door, found him in an almost unconscious condition. Mr. Will Grant, of the situation, and, jumping into the carriage, had it hurriedly driven to a physician's office and then to the Grant Hospital At 11 o'clock to-night, Dr. Loving said:

"I have only slight hopes of Mr. Bushnell's The former Governor is now surrounded by all the members of his family, whom he recognizes and with whom he is able to converse, but indistinctly, and only by the greatest exertion.

Asa Smith Bushnell was born at Rome, N. Y., on Sept. 16, 1834; moved to Cincinnati with his parents in 1845; received a common school education; since 1851 lived at the suburb from Greensburg, Ky. Springfield, O. He was successively dry Hogan was alone, but her screams frightgoods clerk, bookkeeper and manufacturer, having left the mercantile business and embarked in the making of agricultural implements. He is president of the Warder. Bushnell & Glessner Company, of Springfield. Commanded a company of the Onehundred-and-fifty-second Ohio Infantry in the civil war; chairman Republican State committee, 1885; elected governor for two terms, 1895-1899. He is a thirty-third degree Mason and a member of the Grand

#### ATTEMPT TO WRECK A MEDIUM'S STORY OF A FAST MONON EXPRESS MISSING BOY IS TRUE

Thrown About Sunday Midnight in South Chicago.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. midnight, had a narrow escape from being wrecked at South Chicago, Sunday night, Night operator Sam Smith, of the telegraph station, passed the One-hundred-andnoticed that the switch lights were out. few moments, he ran to One-hundred-andtwelfth street, where switchman James O'Malley was stationed. The two men found that some one had taken off the danger signal and thrown the switch. These were put back in place just as the train rushed by. The police were notified and to-night had two detectives

PREACHER AND SON SHOT ARDMORE, I. T., Jan. II.-A clergyman Wabash River Improvement Association, young Moss attempted to kill him, when he received word from Washington to-day that | shot, accidentally killing the elder Moss. He

phans' Home-Seer Said He Was at Public Institution.

BONFIRES AND SPEECHES REPLACED JUST IN TIME MOTHER SWOONS AWAY

Samuel Rlave, the seven-year-old son of CHICAGO, Jan. 11 .- The southern express | Louis Riave, was found last night, as an inmate of the Indianapolis Orphans' Home, CUBAN SENATE PASSES on College avenue, where he took refuge late Saturday night. The parents of the lad were frantic, until yesterday afternoon, when in despair, they consulted a trance medium, Mrs. Mary Hoover, at 1319 Lee street, West Indianapolis. Mrs. Hoover told them that their boy was alive and well and was an inmate of a public institution in this city. She also added that he would be returned to them last night, and her prediction came true. Last night the authorities of the Indianapolis Orphans' Home called the police station and said they had a boy there who answered the description of the patrolling the tracks throughout the town. missing newsboy. He came there, they said, late on Saturday night, and applied for admission, stating that his parents were dead and he had no home. The authorities home. They noticed the report of the miss- and Cuba at the close of the last session of ing lad in the papers yesterday, and noti-

Members of the Riave family were sent at once to the Orphans' Home, and identified and his broken-hearted mother was so overjoyed at his return that she swooned away. The boy had little to say about his escapade mate of the institution, and wanted to be

### NEGROES TERRIFIED BY ARMED MOB AT MUNCIE

New York Publication Passes Into Former Governor of Ohio Possibly Residents of Western Suburb Ordered to Leave Their Homes Before Friday Night.

ASSAULT ON A WOMAN

Arouses the Ire of the Whites, and They Issue Their Orders-Negres Will Resist.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 11 .- A reign of terror was inaugurated among the colored residents of Normal City, the west suburb of Muncie, when forty masked men carrying guns and revolvers to-night appeared at the homes of the seven negro families in the suburb and warned them to move out by next Friday night or suffer the consequences. The masked men styled themselves as "vigilance committee" and would permit no protests from the frightened negroes, who were threatened with being The present trouble arises from an as-

sault made on Mrs. Emmet Hogan, wife | they intimate that if the other side brings of a well-known white resident of the suburb, last Thursday night by William Hardin, a negro who had lately come into ened him away. When her husband returned he secured his shotgun, organized a small posse and found the negro. He was marched back to the Hogan home, where Mrs. Hogan identified him. Hardin was then made to walk to the police station. the husband following with his gun, ac- after the candidates have been placed in companied by a large crowd. Hardin confessed and got off with a thirty-days' fail sentence, imposed by Mayor Sherritt, and a fine of \$5. The light sentence angered the fifty residents of the suburb and they have petitioned Judge Leffier to have the grand jury investigate the case in order that the negro may be brought before the Circuit Court and given a heavier sentence. The crisis was reached to-night when the vigilance committee was quietly formed and proceeded to order all the negroes from

William Jordan, who has always borne a good reputation, and owns his own home. Jordan, terrified, hastily came across White of the masked and armed men. The police made a search of the suburb but could find no clue to any of the vigilance committee. Residents of the suburb professed ignorance of the incident. The report spread rapidly among the 1,000 negrees living in the eastern part of the city, and the police were told that any effort to drive the colored families out of Normal City on Friday night would meet with resistance.

PERMANENT TREATY

Measure Includes All Provisions of the Platt Amendment—Voted by Show of Hands.

HAVANA, Jan. 11 .- The Senate, after cleaning up legislative business and being in readiness to adjourn until the spring, rushed the ratification of the so-called permanent treaty with the United States. There was no debate and the vote was taken cludes all the provisions of the Platt amendment verbatim. The treaty was signed took him in and without making any inves- | May 22, 1903, but was not ratified with the tigations of the boy's story, gave him a other treatles between the United States

Congress. The Senate passed the amendment to the tariff commission bill and then held open until late to-night awaiting the action of the House upon the bill, and also to decide as to whether an adjournment will be finally taken to-night. The advocates of the lottery bill have not ommended for the improvement of the Wa- few hours. Both men were highly con- except that he knew a boy who was an in- risked the attempt to pass the bill over the veto of President Palma on account of the small attendance.

### FIGHT IN THE ELEVENTH DISTRICT AT PERU WILL BE CLOSE AND EXCITING

Republican Chairmanship Contest Really a Strength Test of Congressional Rivals.

BECK HAS ADVANTAGE

Has 61 1-2 Votes to 59 1-2 for Neal, and Will Organize the Convention.

OF SITUATION REVIEW

Chairmen to Be Elected in All Districts-Choice of County Committees.

Staff Correspondence of the Journal. PERU, Ind., Jan. 11 .- On the eve of the convention for the selection of the Republican State committee from the Eleventh district the convention bids fair to be fully as exciting if not so prolonged as the memorable Wabash convention of 1902 that balloted 1,012 times before Major George W. Steele went down in defeat as a congressional candidate before the opposition that finally united on Frederick Landis

The situation is practically identical with that at the Wabash convention. The same forces are arrayed and they are marshaled which the fight is being waged is not the same, ostensibly. The chairmanship of the district organization is at issue, Adam L. Beck, of Huntington, and Elam H. Neal, of Jonesboro, as the contestants, but as a matter of fact there is much more involved than the mere chairmanship. It is a trial of strength of the Steele and Landis forces, with a seat in Congress as the prize. This is the curtain raiser, or the preliminary skirmish, to mix metaphors a trifle, and on the result the congressional nomination may turn.

And what will be the result? The question is more easily asked than answered, although an answer, one of two answers, may be readily obtained from any of the zealous partisans of the two candidates that are thronging the Bearss House here to-night. The Beck and Landis forces say that Beck will be elected by 611/2 votes to 591/2 for Neal. The stalwarts in the Neal and Steele camp reverse the figures and claim Neal's election. Both admit that the fight will be a close one. The supporters of Mr. Beck claim that the 121 delegates in the convention will be divided as follows:

Huntington ...... Blackford ..... Blackford ..... 6 WHAT THE RIVALS CLAIM.

Against the Neal forces claim they will get 13 votes from Miami county, sure, instead of 1234; that they are entitled to and will get at least one-half of one of the votes, from Blackford that the Beck people are claiming, and that there are 2 votes in Wabash and 1 in Miami of those claimed by their opponents that are in 'doubt. Out of these 3 doubtful votes they expect to get at least 1, which, with 13 from Miami and 31/2 from Blackford, will give them a majority of 2, the same that is claimed by the Beck forces.

On the face of these diverse claims it is readily apparent that there will be two or timee contests for seats, and perhaps half a dozen, in the convention to-morrow, and that there will be work for the credentials committee. This unquestionably gives the Beck people an advantage, for they will control the organization of the convention, and the credentials committee will be their committee. It is the history of conventions from time immemorial that in crucial situations such as this, the element in control of the credentials committee uses its power. It is not a question of right so much as it is a question of winning, and, as a matter of fact, in most contests of the kind it is a case of six of one and half a dozen of the other as to which side has the preponderance of right. The Neal people freely admit that their

opponents have the advantage, but they claim that Mr. Beck and his friends will not dare use their power because it would have a reactionary effect upon Mr. Landis's chances in the congressional fight. The Beck people say they will win without recourse to the convention machinery, but any contests they can contest three delegates to one contested by the others. After a careful investigation and basing my opinion upon the statements of the more conservative leaders of both sides, I am inclined to believe that Mr. Beck will be re-elected district chairman. This will be the result unless the Neal forces are able to capture at least two of the delegates who are now regarded as Beck men and can keep their success in this respect a secret till the roll is called for the vote

nomination. WORKING LIKE BEAVERS. The leaders of both sides are working like beavers to-night, each seeking to make inroads upon the other's strength. What will come of these efforts, is solely a matter for speculation, but it is certain that the fight in the primaries in the various counties was so sharp that there will be few weak-kneed the suburb. The first negro visited was brothers among the delegates. The Grant county forces descended on Peru this afternoon with a solid Neal halanx, numberriver and informed the police of the visit ing sixty or seventy-five men, and they say they will be reinforced by as many n.ore of their people, who will arrive on a special morning train, to-morrow. If this were a game of football, in which vigorous organized rooting sometimes counts for as much as the strength of the team, the Neal people would ask odds of no one, for they are certainly prepared to root. Conspicuous in their crowd are: Major George W. Steele, G. A. H. Shideler, Senator C. C. Lyons, Senator S. L. Stricler, A. C. Alexander, Doctor G. D. Kimball, Doctor M. M. Wall, Grant Dentler, Gus Condo, C. W. Halderman, A. E. Steele, E. H. Ferree, P. B. Manly, Pearl Bogue, Harry Goldthwaite, Dr. A. A. Hamfiton and J. Wood Wilson. Mr. Beck has many friends rallying about him here to-night but the greater part of his strength will not be in evidence until to-morrow. Among the leaders with him now are Representative Frederick Landis, of

> Huntington, and Senator J. C. Gochenour, North Manchester. Few Blackford or Cass county people were in evidence this evening. Of the Miami county leaders who are taking an active hand in the fight John F. Lawrence, Glies W. Smith, A. L. Bodurtha, Frank W. Bearss, A. C. Bearss, O. J. Bearss and Dr. Jared Spooner are arrayed with the Neal cohorts while John Jack, J. A. Adams, Louis Baker, John Zabst and James F.

> Logansport; C. E. Cowgill, W. H. Freeman

and Lincoln Gwyn, Wabash; Doctor C. H.

Good and Albert Coles, of Warren; John

M. Johnson, Henry McGill and Senator J.

G. Powell, Logansport; John S. Glenn,

Stutesman are looking after the Beck forces here. TO BE CALLED AT H A. M. The convention will be opened in Webb's Opera House at 11 o'clock this forenoon. District Chairman Beck will call the assemblage to order and present Warren G. Sayre, the veteran politician and legislator of Wabash, as the temporary chairman,

Committees on organization and rules, cre-